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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 23-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10/27/03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/03.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-8 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chen (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0165219).

Chen teaches a method for maintaining uniform spatial frequency over a dataglyph block. Regarding claims 1 and 23-25, Chen teaches a method of creating a visually significant image (image 1100) using information encoding glyphs (diamonds 320) and an alphabet of glyphs, each glyph having a specified optical intensity and each glyph being adapted to encode information by the shape of the glyph (i.e. diamond shape 330), the method including the step of selecting and positioning the information encoding glyphs so that the bulk optical properties of an aggregate of the glyphs create the visually significant image, wherein the glyph shape defines both the optical intensity and the encoding, and hence also teaches an article incorporating visually significant information and an encoded surface having an array of glyphs applied thereon as stated above. Further regarding claim 5, Chen teaches that each glyph is uniquely optically identifiable and has a bulk optical property, and that a subset of glyphs are arranged on

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a page so that in any given area, the bulk optical properties of an aggregate of the plurality of glyphs forms a visually significant image or image portion (i.e. the artifacts formed by four-stroke diamonds in image 1100 are noticeable throughout the figure, but are particularly prominent at the model's right eye, which is an image portion) (see Figures 3-4, 11, paragraphs 35-36, 43).

Regarding claims 2-4 and 6-8, Chen teaches that there is an alphabet of glyphs (i.e. the different configurations of diamonds with clustered dots), that information is encoded by symmetry and shape properties of glyphs (i.e. the symmetrical diamond shape), and that the plurality of glyphs forms a background glyph carpet (i.e. glyph pattern block 340) (see Figures 3-4, 11, paragraphs 35-36, 43).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The best prior art of record, Chen, fails to specifically teach the limitations of the dependent claims 9-22. For example, regarding claim 13, the best prior art of record fails to teach that the visually significant image incorporates an optical DC offset or greyscale shrinkage, where the minimum optical intensity of the specified portion of the visually significant image is sufficiently low as to reduce the encoding possibilities below a specified useful value, whereby the encoding space in said specified portion is increased.

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Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Lisa M. Caputo** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2388**. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 8:30AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached at **(571) 272-2398**. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [lisa.caputo@uspto.gov].

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